

Vietnam Highlights on Budget 7 days

Trip overview

This 7-day Vietnam tour offers an unforgettable journey through Vietnam's most iconic destinations, all while keeping costs affordable. This week-long tour takes you from the bustling streets of Hanoi to the natural beauty of Ha Long Bay, then to the historic charm of Hue and Hoi An, and finally the vibrant culture of Ho Chi Minh City.

You can experience the best of Vietnam with carefully curated activities and budget-friendly accommodations, making it the perfect option for travelers seeking adventure without breaking the bank.

- **Durations:** 7 days
- **Trip outline:** Hanoi - Halong Bay - Ba Na Hills - Hoi An - Cu Chi Tunnels - Mekong Delta
- **Tour inquiry:** <https://besttratetours.com/vietnam-tours/vietnam-highlights-on-budget-7-days.html>

Trip outline

day	Activities	Accommodations	Meals
Day 1	Hanoi arrival - Hanoi City tour half day	Hotel in Hanoi	Dinner
Day 2	Hanoi - Overnight Cruise Through the Natural Wonder of Halong Bay	Halong Bay Cruise	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Day 3	Ending Cruise - Flight to Coastal Da Nang	Hotel in Hoi An	Breakfast, Brunch
Day 4	Ba Na Hill Day Trip (SIC)	Hotel in Hoi An	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 5	Hoi An Coconut Basket Boat Ride - Flight to HCMC (SIC)	Hotel in Ho Chi Minh	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 6	History & Landscapes - Cu Chi Tunnels and Mekong Delta Excursion (SIC)	Hotel in Ho Chi Minh	Breakfast, Lunch
Day 7	Departure - End of Your Cultural & Nature Journey	NA	Breakfast

Itinerary

Day 1: Hanoi arrival - Hanoi City tour half day

Upon arriving at Hanoi airport, you will be taken to the hotel. Here, you will check in and have time to rest after your flight before joining the **Hanoi City Tour Half Day** in the afternoon.

Our tour guide will greet you at the hotel lobby, so please assemble in time there to listen to the useful introduction and itinerary. The journey begins with a visit to the [Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum](#), the resting place of Vietnam's great leader.



Next, you will visit the simple stilt house and the Presidential Palace, which holds many memories of his life and career.

The tour continues with the unique **One Pillar Pagoda**, a cultural symbol of the city, erected on a single wooden pillar. This pagoda is the pinnacle architectural masterpiece, filled with national cultural quintessence through the arts of design, sculpture, woodcarving, and painting.

Then, we will go to the **Temple of Literature - Quoc Tu Giam**, the first university in Vietnam, which honors Confucius and outstanding scholars during the Ly dynasty. This is the birthplace of many excellent individuals in Vietnam across many generations from ancient times and a testament to the history and education of Hanoi capital.

At the end of the tour, you will enjoy dinner at a nearby restaurant with delicious traditional Vietnamese dishes.

Meals: Dinner

Accommodation: Hotel in Hanoi

Day 2: Hanoi - Overnight Cruise Through the Natural Wonder of Halong Bay

Morning

From **8:00 - 8:30**, the driver will pick you up at your hotel in Hanoi Old Quarter and depart on the modern Hanoi - Hai Phong Expressway, heading to the port of **Halong Bay**.

Upon arrival, you will board an overnight cruise. Here, you will be welcomed with a drink and listen to the cruise briefing and safety instructions from the cruise manager.

Then you will enjoy lunch at the luxurious restaurant on board, while the cruise slowly passes through the majestic karst formations to enter the world's natural heritage.

Afternoon

After lunch, you can relax with a professional spa and massage treatments right on the cruise (not included). Please make a reservation with the cruise manager in advance.

Continuing the journey, the cruise will take you to [Sung Sot Cave](#) - one of the dry biggest caves on the bay, where you have the opportunity to admire the majestic space with unique stalactites and stalagmites. Ascend more than 50 steps to the opening of the cave, you will explore the rich natural flora with exotic beauty.



Almost all Halong Bay 1-night cruises feature a **Vietnamese culinary demonstration** or instruction in fruit and vegetable carving in the sunset. Then, it is time to enjoy a delicious dinner served on board.

After dinner, you should not miss out on exciting entertainment activities such as night squid fishing, playing chess, and cards, or unwinding at the bar. At the end of the day, you can enjoy the tranquility of the sea and rest overnight on the cruise.

Note: The cruise itinerary will be different depending on the cruise you choose.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Halong Bay Cruise

Day 3: Ending Cruise - Flight to Coastal Da Nang

Morning

If you wake up early at about **6:30 - 7:00**, you can enjoy the magical sunrise from the cruise, a wonderful experience with views that far surpass those seen from the mainland.

A light breakfast will be served along with tea and coffee. You can join a Tai Chi class on the sundeck to energize the second day in Ha Long Bay.

The next stop on the journey is **Titop Island**, a crescent-shaped island renowned for its peace and pristine sea. There are many exciting activities on this island, particularly, admiring Halong Bay on the lookout, then swimming and relaxing on the beach.



You may spend around 1 hour ascending to the top of a huge observation platform, and get a breathtaking 360-degree panorama of the bay.

Then, tourists will return to the cruise ship for a brunch. While the cruise returns to the dock, you can take your time to pack up or relax on the sundeck, taking in the majestic scenery one last time.

NOTE: The detailed itinerary may be different depending on the cruise you choose.

Afternoon

The cruise ends at Cruise Port, where you can relax while waiting for your transfer to the airport, and fly to Da Nang.

Meals: Breakfast, Brunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hoi An

Day 4: Ba Na Hill Day Trip (SIC)

Morning

To start the journey, the car will pick you up at your hotel around **07:30 - 8:00** and travel to Ba Na Hills - a famous destination with breathtaking scenery.

At **Suoi Mo Cable Car Station**, you will complete the procedures and start the cable car trip, where you can admire the panoramic view of the majestic mountains and nature as you head toward **Marseille Station**.

Once you arrive at Marseille Station, you will have the opportunity to visit the famous [Golden Bridge](#). This stunning pedestrian bridge is held up by two giant stone hands and offers breathtaking views of the surrounding hills and forests.



Going through the bridge, the beautiful garden of **Jardin D'Amour** appears in front of you with colorful flowers, fountains, and sculptures. Here, you can take a stroll through the garden and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere.

The next stop is **Linh Ung Pagoda**, a Buddhist temple known for its impressive statue of the Goddess of Mercy.

After an exciting morning of sightseeing, you will enjoy a buffet lunch at a local Vietnamese buffet restaurant with over 70 Vietnamese culinary items. With many unique specialties, it will bring you a culinary experience rich in the flavors of Vietnam.

Afternoon

Following the itinerary, you will spend your afternoon at **Fantasy Park**, a famous amusement park with countless exciting games, rides, and attractions for all ages. Whether you are a thrill-seeker or prefer gentle leisure activities, Fantasy Park has suitable options to bring you and your family moments of fun.

The trip ends with the fantastic view of Ba Na Hills from **King Peak** at an altitude of 1.487m. Finally, you will return to the Cable Car Station to go down the mountain. The tour guide will pick you up and take you back to the hotel, ending a memorable day at Ba Na Hills.

Note: The ticket includes round-trip cable car rides as well as visits to impressive landmarks such as the Golden Bridge, Fantasy Park, and Moon Castle (excluding the wax museum, Debay wine cellar, and several games).

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Hoi An

Day 5: Hoi An Coconut Basket Boat Ride - Flight to HCMC (SIC)

Morning

Around **09:00**, the tour guide will pick you up at the meeting point in the center of Hoi An City to start the journey to Hoi An Coconut Village, also known as **Cam Thanh Village**. Here, you will have the opportunity to meet local people and listen to interesting stories about their daily lives.

Continuing the journey, you will experience a basket boat ride along the riverbank filled with verdant green palm groves, and learn about the history of this village.



The trip becomes more interesting when you join the villagers in hands-on experiences on the river. The most favorite activities are round net and cast net fishing, exploring the coconut waterways, learning how to paddle the bamboo basket boat, or joining a basket boat race.

At the end of the morning, you will visit a local's house, enjoy a welcome drink, and have lunch with traditional dishes.

Afternoon

Around **12:30**, you will return to the hotel and take a rest before flying to Ho Chi Minh City. Coming to this city, you will check in at the hotel and stay overnight here.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh

Day 6: History & Landscapes - Cu Chi Tunnels and Mekong Delta Excursion (SIC)

Morning

At **08:00**, our driver will pick you up from your accommodation in Ho Chi Minh City and drive for 2 hours to **Cu Chi Tunnels**. Along the way, you will enjoy the peaceful scenery of the suburban countryside, which gives you a feeling of relief.

The Cu Chi Tunnels are a wonder of Vietnamese military innovation. This "secret city" of Cu Chi Tunnels played a vital role in the defense and survival of Vietnamese soldiers. It served as the Vietnamese army's hiding location, supply route, and habitation during the war.

Upon arrival, before exploring the tunnels, you will watch a short film introducing the history of their construction, and previous usage.



Then, you will directly delve into the vast network of tunnels with sophisticated designs, which once served as shelters, hospitals, arsenals, and living quarters for thousands of people.

At the end of the tour, you will enjoy a light lunch with local specialties.

Afternoon

After lunch, the journey to explore Ho Chi Minh City begins with the iconic landmarks.

We will visit the **Central Post Office** and **Notre Dame Cathedral**, two buildings with strong French colonial architecture, built during the war. Built in 1877, Notre Dame Cathedral is considered the largest Catholic church in Vietnam. Meanwhile, The Old Post Office is a famous construction built by the French in the 19th century with impressive Renaissance architecture.



Next, the **Reunification Palace** will welcome you with a harmonious combination of modern architecture and traditional Asian features, where you can keep memorable photos.

The journey continues to the [War Remnants Museum](#), a member of the Museums for World Peace system, which provides you with some realistic illustrations of the pointlessness and cruelty of the war.

Finally, we will visit **Ben Thanh Market**, an iconic representation of Saigon, where you can shop for unique souvenirs for your loved ones. This market was built in the 17th century from a market on the banks of the Ben Nghe River. At the end of the tour, you will be taken back to the hotel and lie down after a long day.

NOTE: Notre Dame Cathedral is closed temporarily due to repair concerns.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Hotel in Ho Chi Minh

Day 7: Departure - End of Your Cultural & Nature Journey

This is the last day when you can take a little time to relax in your own way. Then, it is time to pack your bags and prepare to fly home, concluding the trip with memorable experiences in Vietnam.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodation: NA

Booking Policy

Inclusion

- Overnight in shared Twin/ Double room with Air-condition (AC) at hotel.
- All transport during tour on air - conditioned vehicle as per itinerary (including airport pick up & see off)
- All in-tour stationed local English speaking guide.
- Meals as indicated in the program
- Entrance fees as per itinerary
- 2 domestic flights Hanoi - Da Nang & Da Nang – Ho Chi Minh City

Exclusion

- Hotel EARLY check in & LATE check out
- Upgrade to private cabin on train
- Peak season surcharge & compulsory dinner at the hotel (if any)
- International flight to or from Vietnam with taxes
- Vietnam Visa (above 6 months passport Valid & 3 clear-page require)
- Travel Insurance
- Tips, laundry and gratuities
- Meals not marked on itinerary, and water during meals
- Tips for guide /driver (recommended US \$3-5 /pax /day)

- Tipping is completely up to you and should be based on your perception of the service quality

Cancellation Policy

- Cancellation received before 60 days: FREE of charge
- Cancellation received from 30 days to 59 days prior arrival date: 10% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 15 days to 29 days prior arrival date: 30% of total rate
- Cancellation received from 7 days to 14 days prior arrival date: 50% of total rate
- Cancellation received less than 7 days prior arrival date or No show: 100% of total rate

Children Policy

- The rate for children applicable for one child sharing a twin or double cabin with two adults.
- For infants (<04 years old): FOC except for domestic flight tickets.
- 04 - under 11 years old without bed: 50% adult rate.
- 04 - under 11 years old with extra bed: 75% adult rate.
- 04 - under 11 years old in twin share: 90% adult rate.
- From 11 years old: count as an adult.

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